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IMPORTANT: SAFETY ON THE INTERNET

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Dear Y56 Parents,

Today, we have had an extremely upsetting episode with some of our children misusing the internet whilst at home. As you are aware, we carry out e-safety training with all of our children at the beginning of each academic year and revisit this throughout the year. However, it seems that some of our older children are not learning from this and are using inappropriate and disturbing language and even creating accounts in other children's names whilst on the internet.

It has been through our investigation, that we felt that all parents should be aware of the '**TikTok**' site that many of our children are using. We have been informed that many of our Y56 children have accounts or have had accounts. We urge you to check your child's internet access and check whether they are using this site.

The Internet says...

*John Carr, one of the UK's leading experts on child online safety, warned of the controversial **app**: "There's no question an **app** like this is a magnet for paedophiles." **TikTok** bosses have already been fined £4.3million for collecting data on US kids including their names, locations and email addresses. **TikTok** requires users to be at least **13 years old** to access its platform. ... Common Sense Media has recommended that this app is **appropriate** for those aged at least **16 years old** and above due to its mature content and information settings*

We are also concerned with the amount of children using 'Snapchat' as this seems to be the app which children are using to communicate with each other and where inappropriate language is being used. We are obviously very upset that children at our school are using such vulgar language with each other and are accessing completely inappropriate sites. I am suggesting that **all** parents have a chat with their children about their use of the internet and the apps they are using and check their child's devices every day to see the content of their phone/ IPAD.

We cannot stress how worried we are about this issue and we are revisiting our e-safety in school with year 5 and 6 this week and will be seeking support from the police. If you require any advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Clarke
Headteacher

